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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL TO TERMINATE FOR CONVENIENCE THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (SSP) PROGRAM CONTRACT WITH LOS AMIGOS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION INSTITUTE, INC. (LAREI)

SUBJECT

This Board letter requests approval to: 1) terminate for convenience the contract with Los Amigos Research and Education Institute, Inc. (LAREI) for the Supportive Services Program (SSP) based on the Board of Supervisors' determination it is in the best interest of the County; and 2) send the required Notice of Termination to LAREI.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Determine that it is in the best interest of the County to terminate for convenience the Supportive Services Program (SSP) Contract (contract number SSP-1014-17, approved by your Board on April 6, 2010) with LAREI, effective upon approval by your Board.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of CSS, or designee, to send the required written Notice of Termination to LAREI, to be effective upon approval by your Board.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

CSS is requesting the Board of Supervisors determine that it is in the best interest of the County to terminate, for convenience, the SSP program contract with LAREI, which currently provides Alzheimer's Day Care and Outreach services in portions of the First and Fourth Districts.

By letter dated November 9, 2011, LAREI requested that its current SSP contract with CSS be

terminated due to their Board of Directors' decision to close the agency's Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Center. The agency cited rising costs of doing business, and ongoing drastic Medi-Cal funding decreases that will not be mitigated by the recent court orders and State actions to extend Medi-Cal funding for ADHC through February 2012, as reasons for the closure and the agency's inability to maintain the SSP contract.

Since receiving LAREI's letter, CSS canvassed via E-mail notification and telephone calls, the other current SSP program contractors to determine interest and ability in serving this area and received favorable responses from several providers. The following criteria were used to evaluate which agency would be best suited to take over LAREI's area: 1) prior service, 2) service area, 3) rates, and 4) performance.

Based on those criteria, CSS determined HSA was the best agency to take over the areas currently being served by LAREI. CSS anticipates amending the current SSP program Contract (contract number SSP-1014-11) with HSA to include the areas served by LAREI, in exchange for the contract sum equivalent to the remaining contract amount of the LAREI SSP Contract (contract number SSP-1014-17). The recommended actions will allow termination of the SSP contract with LAREI and the continued provision of SSP services in portions of the 1st and 4th Supervisorial Districts.

Performance Measures

The success of the program will be measured based on performance measures which align with the County's Performance Counts! Initiative.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support the Countywide Strategic Plan Goals: Goal #1 Operational Effectiveness, Goal #2 Children, Family and Adult Well-Being, and Goal #4 Health and Mental Health.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

LAREI's SSP allocation for the current fiscal year is \$58,511. LAREI is estimated to spend \$19,363 through December 2011, leaving an estimated \$39,148 for the remainder of FY 2011-12. The balance of that amount will be transferred to HSA to provide services to portions of the 1st and 4th Districts. There is no impact on the County General Fund, as this Area Agency on Aging (AAA) program is fully financed by Older Americans Act (OAA) grant awards through the California Department of Aging. Funding for this program is included in the Department's FY 2011-12 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In November 2011, LAREI requested in writing that its current contract be terminated with CSS due to the closure of their Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Center as a result of rising costs and pending reduction in Medi-Cal funding. LAREI provides Alzheimer's Day Care and Outreach services under their SSP contract.

CSS is currently working with this agency to ensure the transition process is seamless.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Per contract number SSP-1014-17 LAREI was awarded the SSP contract for four years through June 2014.

In November 2011, CSS canvassed the other current SSP contractors to determine interest and ability in providing SSP services to portions of Supervisorial Districts 1 and 4 currently served by LAREI.

Upon review of the information submitted by the other SSP providers that responded to canvass, CSS determined HSA was the only interested agency that currently provides the same services in the areas being served by LAREI. Upon Board approval, CSS will exercise its right to terminate for convenience its contract with LAREI (per Section 77.0 of contract number SSP-1014-17). CSS will amend the Contract with HSA (contract number SSP-1014-11) to include the areas served by LAREI, in exchange for an increase in the contract sum to reflect the additional service areas. The recommended actions will allow for the termination of the SSP contract with LAREI and the continued provision of Alzheimer's Day Care and Outreach services in portions of the 1st and 4th Supervisorial Districts.

Monitoring Requirement

Monitoring of the SSP continues to be conducted on an annual basis and includes administrative and programmatic monitoring to ensure contract compliance. Program monitoring is accomplished through the CSS Contract Compliance Division. Fiscal compliance monitoring will be conducted biannually by an approved vendor procured through the Auditor-Controller.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will allow for the uninterrupted provision of the SSP program services in portions of the 1st and 4th Supervisorial Districts.

CONCLUSION

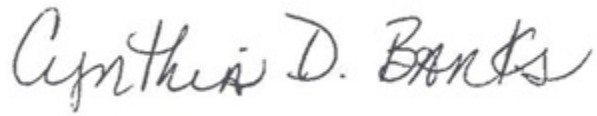
Upon Board approval, please provide a copy of the adopted Board letter to Ms. Sonja Ivey-Rojas, CSS, 3175 West Sixth Street, Room 403, Los Angeles, CA, 90020 or via E-mail at: siveyrojas@css.lacounty.gov. Ms. Ivey-Rojas can be reached by telephone at (213) 351-8917.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Cynthia D. Banks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CYNTHIA D. BANKS

Director

CDB:sir

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors